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Wes Haskett
Town Planner
Town of Southern Shores
5375 North Virginia Dare Trail
Southern Shores, NC 27949

RE: Designation of Small Cottage, 116 Ocean Boulevard, Southern Shores, Dare County

Dear Mr. Haskett:

Thank you for the report we received on the proposed designation of the Small Cottage located at 116 Ocean Boulevard in Southern Shores. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

The Small Cottage, constructed c. 1954 for Dr. Lyndon F. Small and his wife Marianne C. Small, appears to be an intact example of the modest, single story, low gable roof houses of mid-20th century origin that were constructed in the Outer Banks in a similar vein to the historic Flat-Top houses in Southern Shores developed by Frank Stick. Given the preserved state of this building type, it appears to be a good candidate for local landmark designation. Due to its lack of antiquity, it is unlikely that intact, significant archaeological resources are associated with this property and an archaeological survey is not recommended.

We feel the local designation report presents sufficient information for the Southern Shores Historic Landmarks Commission and the Town Council to determine that the property possesses the requisite significance and integrity for local landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes a property as an important historic resource worthy of preservation. Any substantial exterior design changes to a designated landmark are subject to the design review procedures of the Southern Shores Historic Landmarks Commission. The owner may apply for an annual deferral of fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity.

If the local governing board wishes to extend the Commission's design review authority to significant features of the interior, the owner must give written consent. The designation ordinance must specify the features and describe the nature of the Commission's design review authority over them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, nonbinding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Southern Shores Historic Landmarks Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for

an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Small Cottage. Please contact me at 919-807-6575 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber E. Stimpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Amber E. Stimpson
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure